

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM
305 WEST PINE STREET, LODI
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 - 7:00 PM**

C-1 Call to Order / Roll Call

The City Council Closed Session meeting of November 19, 2025, was called to order by Mayor Bregman at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, and Council Member Nakanishi

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi and Mayor Yepez

Also Present: Interim City Manager Lindsay, City Attorney Lucchesi, and City Clerk Nashed

C-2 Announcement of Closed Session

- a) CONFERENCE ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – Regarding International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Lodi City Mid-Management Association, AFSCME General Services and Maintenance & Operators, Police Mid-Managers, Lodi Police Officers Association, Lodi Police Dispatchers Association, Lodi Professional Firefighters, Lodi Fire Mid-Management, Confidential General Services, Confidential Mid-Managers, Executive Managers, and Appointed Employees, Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 (HR)
- b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - THREATENED LITIGATION pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2). One case: Government Claim # 25-45 Submitted by Claimant Scott Carney.
- c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2). Two cases.
- d) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Three Appointed Positions. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b). Conference on annual evaluation procedures for the City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager.

C-3 Adjourn to Closed Session

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Bregman adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session to discuss the above matters. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez arrived at 5:39 p.m. and Councilmember Hothi arrived at 5:41 p.m.

C-4 Return to Open Session / Disclosure of Action

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Bregman reconvened the City Council meeting, and City Attorney Lucchesi disclosed there was no reportable action at this time.

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Regular City Council meeting of November 19, 2025, was called to order by Mayor Bregman at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Council Member Bregman, Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, and Mayor Yepez

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim City Manager Lindsay, City Attorney Lucchesi, and City Clerk Nashed

B. Presentations

B.1 Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Week of November 9-15, 2025, as Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Week in Lodi (PD)

Mayor Bregman presented a proclamation to Chief Rick Garcia, of the Lodi Police Department, proclaiming the week of November 9 to 15, 2025, as Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Week in the City of Lodi.

B.2 Presentation of Non-Profit Allocation Check to Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin (CLK)

Mayor Bregman, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Council Member Craig-Hensley presented a Non-Profit Allocation Check to Lynsay Nuss and Janet Vargas, of the Community Partnership for Families.

C. Consent Calendar (Reading; Comments by the Public; Council Action)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley, to approve the following items hereinafter set forth, except those otherwise noted, in accordance with the report and recommendation of the City Manager.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

C.1 Accept Quarterly Report of Purchases between \$30,000 and \$60,000 through June 30, 2025 (IS - FIN)

Accepted the Quarterly Report of Purchases between \$30,000 and \$60,000 through June 30, 2025.

C.2 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Immediate Repairs to Salas Park Due to Vandalism and Appropriate Funding to the Parks Maintenance Account in the Amount of \$110,000 (PRCS)

This item was pulled at the request of Dawson Hayre, Vice President of Lodi BOBS, who requested Council authorize the funding necessary to finish the Salas Park lighting project and repair the damage caused by vandalism.

Mayor Bregman requested that information be brought to Council regarding communications with Union Pacific Railroad about security related to the homeless encampments along its railway line which runs behind Salas Park.

This item was included in the vote for approval of the Consent Calendar.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-195 authorizing immediate repairs to Salas Park due to vandalism and appropriate funding to the Parks Maintenance account in the amount of \$110,000.

- C.3** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Change Orders for Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Program (Project No. 11) and Appropriate Funds (\$660,000) (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-196 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute change orders for the Wastewater Main Rehabilitation Program (Project No. 11) and appropriate funds in the amount of \$660,000.

- C.4** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc., of Lodi, for On-Call Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services for an additional \$60,000 increasing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$120,00 (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-197 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc., of Lodi, for on-call construction materials testing and inspection services for an additional \$60,000, increasing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$120,000.

- C.5** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement with Securitas Technology Corporation, Inc. For Citywide Fire Alarm Monitoring, Testing, Inspection, And Repair Increasing the Amount by \$40,000 For a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount to \$187,483 (PW)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-198 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Securitas Technology Corporation, Inc., for Citywide fire alarm monitoring, testing, inspection, and repair, increasing the amount by \$40,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$187,483.

- C.6** Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2025 Stormwater Trash Collection Project - Phase 5; Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager or Designee to Award the Contract to Lowest Responsive Bidder and Execute Change Orders (\$600,000 combined) (PW)

Approved the plans and specifications and authorized advertisement for bids for the 2025 Stormwater Trash Collection Project - Phase 5; adopted Resolution No. 2025-199 authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder and execute change orders, in a combined amount not to exceed \$600,000.

- C.7** Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Alley Improvement Project-Phase 10 (2025) and Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Award Contract to Lowest Responsive Bidder and Execute Change Orders (\$310,000 Combined) (PW)

This item was pulled at the request of Council Member Hothi.

Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan addressed questions from Council Member Hothi and Council Member Nakanishi.

This item was included in the vote for approval of the Consent Calendar.

Approved the plans and specifications and authorized advertisement for bids for the Alley Improvement Project-Phase 10 (2025) and adopted Resolution No. 2025-200 authorizing the Interim City Manager to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder and execute change orders in a combined amount not to exceed \$310,000.

- C.8** Approve Plans and Specifications, Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2025 Hale Park Court Improvements, and Adopt a Resolution Authorizing City Manager or Designee to Award Contract to Lowest Responsive Bidder and Execute Change Orders (\$206,000 Combined) (PW)

Approved plans and specifications, authorized advertisement for bids for the 2025 Hale Park Court Improvements, and adopted Resolution No. 2025-201 authorizing the City Manager or designee to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder and execute change orders, in a combined amount not to exceed \$206,000.

- C.9** Accept Improvements Under Contract for 2025 Crack Seal Project (PW)

Accepted the improvements under the contract for the 2025 Crack Seal Project.

- C.10** Accept Improvements Under Contract for 2024 Sidewalk Grinding Program (PW)

Accepted the improvements under the contract for the 2024 Sidewalk Grinding Program.

- C.11** Accept Improvements Under Contract for the 2024 Utility Frame Cover Adjustment Project (PW)

Accepted the improvements under the contract for the 2024 Utility Frame Cover Adjustment Project.

- C.12** Adopt a Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution 2025-194 to Approve the Allocation of Public Benefit Funds of \$2,000 from District 5 Non-Profit Funds to TLE Alliance and Ratifying the Expenditure of the Non-Profit Funds (Total \$2,000) (CLK)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-202 repealing and replacing Resolution No. 2025-194 to approve the allocation of Public Benefit Funds of \$2,000 from District 5 Non-Profit Funds to TLE Alliance and ratifying the expenditure of the Non-Profit Funds in the total amount of \$2,000.

- C.13** Appoint Ria Jones to the Senior Citizen's Commission, Joshua Lydon to the Planning Commission, Christine Tran and Janavi Sharma to the Lodi Improvement Committee, and Joel Wurl to the Lodi Arts Commission (CLK)

Directed the City Clerk to make the following appointments.

APPOINTMENTS:

Senior Citizens' Commission

Ria Jones – Term to expire January 1, 2029

Planning Commission

Joshua Lydon – Term to expire July 1, 2029

Lodi Improvement Committee

Christine Tran – Term to expire March 1, 2027

Janavi Sharma - Term to expire March 1, 2026

Lodi Arts Commission

Joel Wurl – Term to expire July 1, 2027

Following approval of the Consent Calendar, Deputy City Clerk Maria Ditmore swore in the above Commission Members.

- C.14** Set Public Hearing for December 17, 2025 to Consider Introduction of Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Lodi Municipal Code, Section 13.20.020 - Energy Theft Diversion/Field Services Fee Recovery (EU)

Set a public hearing for December 17, 2025 to consider the introduction of an ordinance repealing and reenacting Lodi Municipal Code, Section 13.20.020 - Energy Theft Diversion/Field Services Fee Recovery.

D. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items

THE TIME ALLOWED PER NON-AGENDA ITEM FOR COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC IS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES.

Lyndsy Davis, a member of the public, spoke concerning the lack of response from the City regarding a situation with her neighbor's animals.

Bailey Caswell, a member of the Downtown Lodi Business Alliance, spoke regarding the Downtown Winter Wonderland and other upcoming holiday plans.

Samuel Vanderpool, a member of the public, spoke regarding the seizure of his motorcycle.

E. Comments by the City Council Members on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Craig-Hensley spoke regarding the Amtrak Gold Runner unveiling, the recent Chamber mixer supporting the microloan program, Veterans Day events at St. Peter's Church and Vinewood Church, and Myna Wetzel Day.

Mayor Bregman spoke regarding the Delta Conservancy's repeal of the Tunnels project.

F. Public Hearings

- F.1** Public Hearing to Consider Adopting a Resolution Setting the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan Development Fees For 2026 (CD)

Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Bregman called for the public hearing to consider adopting a resolution setting the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan Development Fees for 2026.

Deputy Director of Community Development Cynthia Marsh provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan Development Fees for 2026. Specific topics of discussion included background information, updated fee comparison, and staff recommendation.

Mayor Bregman opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:46 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mayor Bregman closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Pro Tempore Yopez commented.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley,

to adopt Resolution No. 203 setting the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan Development Fees for 2026.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman

Noes: None

Absent: None

G. Regular Calendar

G.1 Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Designated “No Parking” Times on Tokay Street to Address Traffic Congestion During Pick-Up and Drop-Off Times at Vinewood School (PW/PD)

At a previous meeting, Mayor Bregman had requested this item be placed on the agenda and he provided background information.

At Mayor Bregman's request, Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan will provide a staff report at a future Council meeting regarding traffic mitigation options at Vinewood School.

Council Member Hothi requested a 2x2 meeting with Lodi Unified School District.

Lyndsy Davis, a member of the public, spoke regarding the use of buses to alleviate traffic at schools.

No action was taken on this item.

G.2 Review of the City’s Curb, Gutter, & Sidewalk Maintenance Policy & Municipal Code Chapter 15.44 Requiring Off-Site Improvements (CM)

Interim City Manager James Lindsay provided a presentation regarding the City's Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Maintenance Policy. Specific topics of discussion included cost sharing, options for low-income areas, moving the threshold from \$75,000 to \$150,000, and the need for adoption of a resolution and ordinance to change the policy.

Interim Public Works Director Sean Nathan, Community Development Director John Della Monica, and City Attorney Lucchesi provided information to City Council.

Lyndsy Davis, a member of the public, spoke regarding the upcoming code changes recently posted on the City's website.

Following discussion, City Council directed staff to bring a revised policy for consideration at a public hearing.

G.3 Adopt a Resolution Approving the Classification, Job Description, and Salary of the New Administrative Services Director Position, Add One Administrative Services Director to the Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and Delete Assistant City Manager Position from Both City Manager and Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgets (HR)

Interim City Manager James Lindsay provided a presentation regarding the classification, job description, and salary of the new Administrative Services Director position, the addition of one

Administrative Services Director to the Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and the deletion of an Assistant City Manager position from both the City Manager and Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgets. Specific topics of discussion included background, the focus of the new position to be finance management, and the retention of the Assistant City Manager title while not funding the position.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, seconded by Council Member Nakanishi, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-204 approving the classification, job description, and salary of the new Administrative Services Director position, the addition of one Administrative Services Director to the Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and deletion of one Assistant City Manager position from both the City Manager and the Internal Services Department Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgets.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

G.4 Adopt a Resolution Approving Side-Letter Agreements with Lodi Police Dispatchers Association, the Police Officers' Association of Lodi, Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization, Lodi Professional Firefighters, and Lodi Fire Mid-Management to Address Holiday Leave Cash Out Requirements (HR)

Parks and Recreation Director Christina Jaromay, speaking on behalf of the Human Resources Division, provided a presentation regarding side-letter agreements with the Lodi Police Dispatchers Association, the Police Officers' Association of Lodi, the Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization, the Lodi Professional Firefighters, and the Lodi Fire Mid-Management to address Holiday Leave cash out requirements. Specific topics of discussion included background, the need for specific CalPERS-required language in the side-letter agreements, retroactivity to 2017, and staff recommendation.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Nakanishi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-205 approving the side-letter agreements with the Lodi Police Dispatchers Association, the Police Officers' Association of Lodi, the Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization, the Lodi Professional Firefighters, and the Lodi Fire Mid-Management to address Holiday Leave cash out requirements, including corrections contained in the Blue Sheet.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

G.5 Adopt a Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Lodi and the Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization for the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 (HR)

Parks and Recreation Director Christina Jaromay, speaking on behalf of the Human Resources Division, provided a presentation regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lodi and the Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Specific topics of discussion included Blue Sheet information, background, and contract terms.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, seconded by Council Member Craig-Hensley, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-206 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lodi and the Lodi Police Mid-Management Organization for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

G.6 Adopt a Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 80-101 and Directing the City Clerk to Attend Closed Sessions of the City Council, to Keep and Enter in a Minute Book a Record of Topics Discussed and Decisions Made by the City Council (CLK)

City Clerk Nashed provided a presentation regarding a resolution repealing and replacing Resolution No. 80-101 and directing the City Clerk to attend Closed Sessions of the City Council, to keep and enter in a Minute Book a record of topics discussed and decisions made by the City Council. Specific topics of discussion included background, provision for the Deputy City Clerk to attend Closed Session meetings and take notes in the City Clerk's absence, and the requirement for Closed Session minutes to be approved by City Council.

Following discussion, City Council agreed for Closed Session minutes to include Council Member discussion, rather than action minutes.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Craig-Hensley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-207 repealing and replacing Resolution No. 80-101 and directing the City Clerk to attend Closed Sessions of the City Council, to keep and enter in a Minute Book a record of topics discussed, including comments made by City Council Members, and decisions made by the City Council.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

G.7 Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Establishment of Volunteer/Non-Paid Position of “Wine Ambassador” (CLK)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Mayor Bregman.

Mayor Bregman spoke regarding the benefits of having a volunteer/non-paid position of Wine Ambassador.

Following City Council discussion, it was agreed not to move forward with the position.

Lyndsy Davis, a member of the public, spoke regarding having a weekly article in the Lodi News Sentinel about local wines.

G.8 Consider Adopting a Resolution Appointing Council Member Nakanishi as Mayor for the Remainder of Mayor Bregman’s 2025 Term (Mayor)

City Clerk Nashed introduced the item.

As this will be his final meeting of his mayoral term, Mayor Bregman expressed thanks for the support he received during his term as Mayor and noted some of the highlights of his term.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Hothi, seconded by Mayor Yepez, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-208 appointing Council Member Nakanishi as Mayor for the remainder of Mayor Bregman's 2025 term.

VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Craig-Hensley, Council Member Hothi, Council Member Nakanishi, Mayor Pro Tempore Yepez, and Mayor Bregman
Noes: None
Absent: None

Mayor Nakanishi thanked City Council for the honor of serving the remainder of Mayor Bregman's term as mayor.

Mayor Nakanishi was presented with the gavel to adjourn the meeting.

H. Ordinances – None

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Olivia Nashed,
City Clerk